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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Jay
4 Michael, who passed away on January 8, 2016; and

5 WHEREAS, Jay Michael was born in Skokie on April 3, 1981;
6 he attended Niles North High school; he earned English and
7 American degrees from Richmond, The American International
8 University in London; and

9 WHEREAS, Jay Michael was a founding partner and Chief
10 Creative Officer of CEDARst Companies; his first major
11 publication was at the age of 23 from which he achieved
12 widespread recognition for interior design excellence; his
13 company successfully reused existing structures to the highest
14 and best use in today's market; he redeveloped over 1,000,000
15 square feet of space over the past 12 years; and

16 WHEREAS, Jay Michael's company, CEDARst, has been one of
17 the most active developers of distressed assets in the Chicago
18 market; under his leadership, the company received national
19 notoriety with media and brand outlets such as Bloomberg, Bravo
20 TV, CB2, Bloomingdales Home, Crain's Business, Chicago
21 Sun-Times, Better Homes & Gardens, and Renovation Style; and

1 WHEREAS, Jay Michael served as a Board Trustee for
2 Richmond, The American International University in London and
3 was involved in several philanthropic organizations throughout
4 Chicago, such as the Museum of Science and Industry,
5 RefugeeONE, Common Threads, Heartland Alliance, and FLATS
6 Studio; and

7 WHEREAS, Prior to entering the real estate business, Jay
8 Michael worked for CNBC Europe's London Headquarters; and

9 WHEREAS, Jay Michael enjoyed living healthy, philanthropy,
10 antiquing, traveling, and food; he was cast as one of 6 members
11 on "100 Days of Summer", a Bravo channel reality show in 2014;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Jay Michael was a "lifestyle architect" and real
14 estate developer in search of the world's best ways to live;
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
18 mourn the passing of Jay Michael, and extend our sincere
19 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
20 him; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Jay Michael as an expression of our
2 deepest sympathy.